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TWO CENTS.

SITUATION IS HOPEFUL

It Is Believed Germany Will Go to Great Lengths to Meet Demands

PRIVATE ADVICES FROM AMB. GERARD

Berlin Government Confronted with Problem of Finding a Way to Satisfy U. S. Without Arousing Trouble Among Its Own People.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Confidential despatches from Ambassador Gerard at Berlin indicate that Germany will make certain concessions to the United States in response to the note demanding the immediate abandonment of the present methods of submarine warfare.

Whether the concessions will be sufficiently broad to meet the American demands appears uncertain. However, officials affected an air of hopefulness for an amicable settlement of the issue.

It is understood Ambassador Gerard has received broad intimations that the German government will go to great lengths to preserve friendly relations with the United States. He is understood to have gained his impression from officials of the Berlin foreign office, including Foreign Minister Von Jagow. The Berlin government is confronted with finding a way to satisfy the United States without arousing the elements which insist on a relentless submarine campaign. Mr. Gerard's despatches are of a highly confidential nature and were received during the night.

Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, who has been away on a week-end trip, was expected to return today. He may call at the state department, although it was regarded as unlikely that it would be in connection with the submarine situation in view of its status, unless he had instructions from his government to do so. It was believed that his call would have to do with the return of the papers seized in New York by the federal authorities from Wolfe Von Igel, former secretary to Capt. Franz von Papen, former military attaché of the German embassy.

AEROPLANE DRIVEN OFF.

Attacked by British Guns When It Appeared Over Dover.

LONDON, April 24.—A hostile aeroplane appeared over Dover this afternoon and was attacked by British guns. It was driven off and dropped no bombs.

HARVARD FOOTBALL DRILL.

Candidates for Team to Have Three Weeks of Spring Practice.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., April 24.—Development of the Harvard football team for next fall began today, when a squad of candidates responded for practice under direction of Leo O'Leary, who is to act as field coach until Percy D. Haughton, head coach. The candidates were given light work indoors. The spring drill will last three weeks.

Centre Congregational Church

Tuesday, April 25, 6 p. m.—Christian Endeavor mission study class will meet in the chapel for supper together, followed by the lesson.

Wednesday, April 26, 3.15 p. m.—Unica meeting for children of the town in the chapel. Miss Margaret Sumner of Capiz, Philippine Islands, will speak on the subject, "Our Little Brownies." Miss Sumner is in charge of an orphanage and her talk to the children will tell of her work.

In Odd Fellows' Temple

Monday night at 7.30.—Regular meeting will be held in the banquet hall of the new temple. The first degree will be conferred on a class of candidates.

Tuesday April 25, at 7.30.—Regular meeting of Dennis Rebekah lodge.

Your Easter Hair Cut

Cut by the most expert of workmen in an artistic manner. No danger of scalp diseases in this shop of perfect sanitation.

5 Expert Workmen 5 Brooks House Sanitary Barber Shop A REAL SHINE ARTIST

BRITISH ADMIT LOSS IN ATTACK ON TIGRIS

Brigades Unable to Advance Far Under Machine Gun Fire—Report Indicates Heavy Loss.

LONDON, April 24.—The failure of an attack by the British relief force on the Tigris against the Turkish positions which separate it from the main British Mesopotamia army in Kut-el-Amara is admitted in a report from Gen. Sir Percy Lake, chief commander in Mesopotamia, given out by the war office.

The attack was launched yesterday by a brigade (4,000), but broke down completely, chiefly because of the flooded condition of the terrain. The statement in the report that "few got into the third line" indicates heavy losses on the part of the British. The Turks launched a counter attack and forced the attacking brigade back despite the fact that it was re-enforced by other brigades on both banks of the river. The report follows:

"An attack made this morning on the Samarra position, on the left bank, failed. The position had been systematically bombarded on April 20 and 21 at intervals during each night and again this morning. Owing to the floods it was found possible for only one brigade to attack over a very contracted front.

"The leading troops of this brigade, consisting of a British composite battalion, advanced in the bog and submerged trenches. Few got into the third line. The brigade was unable to maintain itself under the enemy's counter attack. Other brigades pushed up to the right and left and re-enforced it, but were unable to reach their objectives across the flooded and boggy ground under heavy machine gun fire. Our troops on the right bank also were unable to make much progress."

CURLEY WANTS THE GERMAN SHIPS MOVED

Boston Mayor Fears Lives and Property Would Be Endangered If War Were Declared.

BOSTON, April 24.—A report that the German steamships which have sought refuge at this port were planning to move to an anchorage in the outer harbor instead of remaining at the wharves, where they are now tied, was communicated to Edward Billings, collector of customs by the assistant secretary of the treasury, Byron R. Newton, today.

The message from Washington asked the collector to report on the matter at once. Collector Billings said he would make a negative reply, no information of any contemplated change having come to his attention.

In today's mail the collector found a letter from Mayor Curley requesting that the refugee steamers be moved from their present berth to stream "to avoid danger to lives and property in the event of the ships' being destroyed if war were declared."

FARM HELD 149 YEARS.

Last of Scott Descendants at Bennington Dies.

BENNINGTON, April 24.—When the body of Miss Helen C. Scott, 83, was taken yesterday afternoon to the old Bennington cemetery the continuous occupancy of the Scott farm and house by Samuel Scott and his descendants for a period of 149 years came to an end.

Samuel Scott was a native of Sunderland, Mass., and was working in years when he came to Bennington in 1847. He built a log house and began clearing the land of its heavy timber.

The farm passed into the possession of his son, Phineas, who in 1769, built the house which now stands on the property.

From Phineas the farm descended to his son, Henry, who died in 1881, leaving two sons and two daughters, the last of whom has now died.

The farm will become part of the estate Ben Venue of James C. Colgate of New York.

THE EARTH TREMBLED.

Two Earthquake Shocks Recorded—One Was in Santo Domingo.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Two severe earthquakes, one of them of great intensity, were recorded on the Georgetown university seismograph this morning.

The first shock came at 2.21 a. m., eastern time. It was estimated by the director that the center of the second earthquake was 2,400 miles from Washington and he believed it occurred in an inhabited zone it must have done considerable damage.

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic, April 24.—A severe earthquake occurred at 11.30 last night. No damage was caused.

FRENCH TROOPS GAINED.

Attacked with Hand Grenades and Took 30 Prisoners Last Night.

PARIS, April 24.—French troops made progress last night on the Verdun front, northwest of Carpiet woods, the war office announced this afternoon. The fighting was hand to hand and in the fighting took 30 prisoners, one officer. Several German reconnoitering parties were dispersed southeast of the Haucoort woods. There was a rather heavy bombardment at Dead Man's hill. East of the Meuse the night was comparatively calm.

It is believed by some that the time will come when an honest man will command respect.

Tell a girl that she is as "pretty as a picture" and she forgets that comic valentines come under the head of pictures.

GEN. CARRANZA GETS ANXIOUS

Asks for Early Reply to His Note About Recalling American Troops

VILLA REPORTED AS LAST NEAR MONCAVA

Statement That Several American Negro Soldiers Were Killed in Engagement with Civilians Near Satevo Not Confirmed Officially.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Gen. Carranza has asked for an early reply to his note of April 12 suggesting that the American troops be recalled from Mexico. This was learned officially today in connection with the fact that Eleio Arredondo, Mexican ambassador, designate, sought an interview with Secretary Lansing. State department officials declined to discuss the matter.

The Mexican embassy stated that the request had not been transmitted through Ambassador Arredondo, so far as known there. It is understood to have been made directly by Gen. Carranza through Special Agent Rodgers at Mexico City. A reply also would be sent through Mr. Rodgers.

The redispersion of the American forces in Mexico as planned by Maj. Gen. Funston has been in a large measure completed, it was learned here today. The troops are now concentrated in strong units along a line of communication said to be not much more than 250 miles long.

Reinforcements also are gathering at Columbus, N. M., ready to meet any emergency. "The American expedition will now maintain a military status quo, while diplomatic negotiations go forward at Washington."

The pursuit of Francisco Villa is over, in the belief of army officers at Fort Bliss. They believe the troops will now engage the small wandering bands of Villa bandits that roam northern Chihuahua, while the expedition at its main bases will recuperate from the rigors of its rapid dash southward.

Official admission has been made that the advance forces have been withdrawn northward and it is understood that they have been taken out of the zone where dislike for the Americans is most intense. This withdrawal is expected to prevent clashes during the diplomatic negotiations.

FIELD HEADQUARTERS, NAMIQUIPA, APRIL 24, BY WIRELESS TO COLUMBUS, N. M.—

Military authorities today obtained reliable information that Francisco Villa has not crossed the Durango-Chihuahua line. He is said to be either dead or in hiding in the Sierra Madre mountains northwest of Farall. Today's report placed him last near Moncava.

EL PASO, Texas, April 24.—Neither Gen. Bell at Fort Bliss nor military headquarters at Columbus, N. M., had any information today regarding a Mexican report that American Negro soldiers had an engagement with civilians at Satevo. The report, which is not credited, says several Negroes were killed.

EL PASO, Texas, April 24.—Public execution in the plaza at Chihuahua is to end the career of Pablo Lopez, the Villa bandit captured near Santa Isabel by Carranza forces, according to passengers arriving here today. A similar fate awaits the three men taken with Lopez.

EL PASO, Texas, April 24.—According to Mexicans arriving here from the interior today reports have been spread that Villa is coming north again with the object of attacking the American forces. They say the bandit now has some 300 followers and will be joined later by a general from the Torreon district who has 1,500 men.

100 CHINESE DROWN.

Cruiser Strikes Army Transport and Only 30 Survive.

SHANGHAI, April 24.—More than a thousand soldiers and men of the crew of the steamer Hsin-Yu were lost when the steamer sank after a collision with the cruiser Hai-Yung. Saturday evening south of the Chusan Islands.

The steamer, acting as a transport, was taking troops to Poochow. The collision occurred during a thick fog, and only one foreign engineer, 20 soldiers and nine sailors out of six foreigners, and over a thousand soldiers and members of the crew were saved.

The Hsin-Yu was a vessel of 1,629 tons. She was built in 1889, and was owned by the China Merchants' Steam Navigation company of Shanghai.

STRANGER AGAIN DUDES AUTO OWNERS

Man Who "Worked" Them for Passage from New Hampshire to Connecticut Comes Back Same Way.

The man who made game of garage owners in New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Connecticut last week by getting free automobile rides from Winchester, N. H., by way of Athol, Greenfield and Springfield to Hartford and other Connecticut cities, has come back. He went to Springfield from Ansonia, Conn., by automobile Sunday noon, had dinner at one of the local hotels and "jumped" both his hotel and automobile bill, without leaving as much as a shadow of a trace behind him. The police are not only looking for him, but they are extremely anxious to find him.

The man is described as tall and slim, about 30 or 35 years old. This description tallies with the one of the man who went through Springfield about a week ago, even to the eyeglasses and the worn coonskin coat. As soon as the police there were notified of the arrival of the Ansonia automobile, and the driver's plight, following the escape of the passenger without paying, they got in touch with the garage owners in an effort to prevent the man from taking a trip out of Springfield at the expense of any of the taxi drivers.

It was reported that when the man reached Springfield he invited the driver of the Ansonia car to have dinner with him, promising to pay him as soon as they had finished their meal. The driver willingly accepted the invitation. Just before they had finished eating the man excused himself for a minute and informed the man that he wanted to telephone and that he would be back in a few minutes. The driver remained seated in the dining room for more than 25 minutes. When the man failed to appear, he walked out into the lobby and made inquiries for him. He learned from the clerk that the man had not been seen. They searched for him in every part of the hotel until they became convinced that he had left without paying for his dinner.

The police believe that the man came from New Hampshire originally and was returning home, following his trip to Connecticut. On his previous trip he informed the taxi driver who took him from Springfield to Windsor, Conn., that he was a detective. He told the same story in several other cities.

William Hodgman of Winchester, who drives the jitney bus between Winchester and Brattleboro, is the first man known to have been "worked" by the stranger.

OBREGON TO CONFER WITH GEN. FUNSTON

Mexico Will Send War Minister to Border to Adjust Problems of American Expedition.

MEXICO CITY, April 23.—On good authority it has been learned that the de facto government decided today to send General Obregon, minister of war, north to confer with General Funston, probably at Eagle Pass, Texas. It was understood that the matters to be discussed at the conference would be those pertaining to the military situation in Chihuahua and to means of shipping provisions to American troops pursuing Villa.

A satisfactory arrangement is expected to result from the conference. General Obregon's powers probably will be placed, subject to instructions given him before leaving here. It is reported these instructions will contain nothing that will militate against a successful result of the conference.

Informal steps for the conference began here on Friday, with James Linn Rodgers, United States special agent, and Charles Douglas, the Carranzistas' Washington counsel. Mr. Rodgers yesterday afternoon received from the department of state in Washington suggestions for the conference. An official note is to be presented to the de facto government. Its suggestions probably will be accepted at once, and it is believed General Obregon will depart on Tuesday.

The general belief here among high officials of the government is that a complete understanding between Mexico and the United States will result from the conference, and that American troops will be withdrawn from Mexican territory.

General Obregon, who has been in Carranza at Chapultepec, Mexico Sunday and remained some time. It being a holiday, the foreign office was closed, and it was impossible to interview Foreign Minister Aguilar regarding the pending conference.

ARTHUR G. MERRIAM DEAD.

Son of the Founder of the Merriam Publishing Co.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 24.—Arthur G. Merriam, son of Homer Merriam, founder of the Merriam Publishing company of Springfield, Mass., is dead, a victim of heart trouble at his summer home in California, according to advices received today at Pasadena, where he has resided 30 years. Mr. Merriam was 53 years old. He was an author, poet and composer.

NOT READY FOR PEACE.

Germany Will Ignore Any Proposals, Says an Official Paper.

BERLIN, April 24, by wireless to Sayville.—The Zeitung, says the Overseas News Agency, states "that recently rumors have been spread about peace offers from our enemies. It was said that the Russians had taken measures in order to open negotiations. The German authorities will ignore completely any such proposals. All these rumors are inventions."

Popular Fad Now.

"He is one of those near-vegetarians." "What is a near-vegetarian?" "He never eats meat except when he is invited out."—Houston Post.

EASTER DAY OBSERVANCE

Large Church Congregations in Spite of Inclement Weather

UNITED CHOIRS RENDER CANTATA

Decorations, Baptisms and Sunday School Concerts Features of Programs—Service by Beauseant Commandery in Masonic Temple.

It will be 84 years before another such dreary Easter Sunday on April 23 will be endured. Not until the year 2000 will Easter fall again on April 23, which is not to be regretted if the weather of that particular calendar day is always like that of yesterday.

For persistent cold, drizzling rain without a moment's respite or even the pleasing threat of a break in the low hanging clouds, it will be hard to beat yesterday, a day which is considered the one day in the whole year when everyone is right of custom blossoms in spring regalia.

Many braved the danger of utterly ruining new gowns and gayly colored shoes. Others were less optimistic of the chances of salvaging anything and appeared clad in the more sombre hued garments of the yesterdays. It was very disappointing Easter day, viewed entirely from the standpoint of the physical exterior.

The churches, however, suffered very little in the matter of attendance. In each church at all the services the congregations were large enough to plainly indicate that the day was one to be especially marked by church-going folks generally and some folks who are not regular church attendants in particular. Faces not very familiar to pastors appeared in pews.

Nature and religion, fashion and childhood welcomed Easter, uniting reverent rejoicing with purely human gladness for the coming of spring, even though the particular day was marked by a persistent spring rain.

There were 16 baptisms in the First Baptist church at the morning service yesterday. As in all of the churches the Easter lilies predominated in the decorations, with a few palms, and around the baptistry were arranged variegated vinea vines. The Sunday school orchestra played at the morning service and again for the Sunday school exercises which followed the close of the church service.

Lilies and potted plants were the decorations in St. Michael's Episcopal church. At the early service 97 took of communion and 48 more at the 10.30 o'clock service, which was a very large proportion of the communicants of the church. Potted plants of red and white were arranged in the form of a cross at the children's service in the afternoon and each child was presented a plant. Prizes for attendance during the Lenten season were given also.

The masses in St. Michael's Roman Catholic church were attended by congregations that indicated that the inclement weather had kept few, if any, at home. The church decorations were of lilies and palms, attractively arranged about the chancel.

There was a very large congregation at the service in the Methodist church Sunday morning. Lilies, ferns and carnations comprised the floral decorations and these were distributed among the shut-ins after the service. The Sunday school exercises, which were at the usual hour, were attended by a very large number of children.

In the Centre Congregational church the platform was banked with Easter lilies and daffodils, which had been sent by the sick and shut-ins. After the morning service a special communion service was held, which was largely attended. This took the place of the communion service which usually is held the first Sunday in May. No Sunday school session was held, but at 4 o'clock a Sunday school concert was given and the interest of the children was shown by the large number of them who came despite the rain. The recitations and all exercises were especially interesting and it was the opinion of many that the singing by the children never was better.

One of the largest congregations ever in the Universalist church was present in the morning. The platform and choir rail were banked with lilies, palms, daisy plants and red and white geraniums. The Easter concert by the Sunday school followed the morning service and the attendance at that was the largest in the history of the school. The Sunday school room was decorated with flowers, all of which were later distributed among the sick and shut-ins while each child of the Sunday school was given a potted plant. At the Friday evening service of this church, for the reception of new members and the observance of holy communion 21 were admitted to membership.

Lilies, palms, pink geraniums and white carnations were the floral decorations in the Unitarian church. The morning service was followed by a carol service for the children of the Sunday school to which many of the older parishioners remained. Rev. E. Q. S. Osgood, pastor, gave a brief address. Each child was presented one of the potted plants.

A surprisingly large congregation, some hair is permanently gray and some is prematurely dyed.

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GOLD LOVING CUP AND OTHER GIFTS

National Automatic Machine Co. Employees Present Testimonial to Retiring President, C. E. Skerry.

When C. E. Skerry, who has been the president of the National Automatic Machine Co., but who recently transferred his stock and interest to Arthur F. Roberts, went to the shop this morning to close up his affairs there he was confronted by an unexpected situation.

James Kearney of the shop force, in behalf of all the employees of the concern, presented Mr. Skerry a gold loving cup 10 inches in height, a solid gold watch chain and a Masonic charm. The cup was inscribed: "Presented to C. E. Skerry by the employees of the National Automatic Machine Co., April 24, 1916."

Mr. Skerry, in making the presentation, said that Mr. Skerry's connection with the company had been marked by harmony and satisfaction on the part of all the employees and that they desired in the gifts, to which every one had subscribed, to have him possess articles which would be lasting evidences of their appreciation of his uniform kindness and courtesy towards them.

Mr. Skerry was completely surprised, but briefly returned thanks for the gifts and said that he had always appreciated the loyalty of the employees to the concern and to him.

The final transfer of the papers by which Mr. Skerry retires permanently from the machine company and takes possession of the Roberts China store was made today.

AEROPLANES ARE JUNK.

Six Out of the Eight Machines for Army Use Destroyed.

COLUMBUS, N. M., April 24.—Six of the eight aeroplanes which have been used by the expeditionary fliers in Mexico have been destroyed as worthless junk, it was learned here today. Two of the planes are now undergoing repairs here.

With the halt in field operations it was discovered that none of the planes remaining in Mexico could be used and all were burned. Captain B. D. Foulis, commanding the First Aero Squadron, and his entire command are now on their way here from the field in motor cars to equip new planes for service.

American troops in the field are utilizing their time in the halt in operations in strengthening their positions. The line of communication, extending thence almost 500 miles south of the border, also is being made more secure by the despatch of additional forces from Columbus, a detachment of negro infantry having gone forward today.

General Pershing with his staff has established headquarters at Namiquipa, so that he may be in close communication with General H. L. Scott and General Frederic Funston in San Antonio.

AMERICAN AVIATORS PRAISED.

Several Are Mentioned in French Semi-official Statement.

PARIS, April 24.—A semi-official statement says that at the end of 1915 more than 30 Americans were serving with the French aviation corps. The first American reconnoitering squadron, recently formed, has been sent to a certain part of the front, where it will fight under a French commander. The statement adds:

"When they volunteered these Americans said: 'We think Americans ought to fight for the republic that is battling for the liberty of all the nations.'"

"They have behaved brilliantly. William Thaw has been promoted to be a second lieutenant and has been mentioned in army orders. Sergeant Eliot Cowdin and Norman Prince also have been officially praised for their splendid work. Sergeant Cowdin recently was mentioned for the second time for shooting down a German aeroplane at Verdun."

The American corps includes also Fraser Curtis, James Bach, H. G. Guerin, Bert Hall, Didier Masson, Andrew Revel and other college boys."

CONNECTICUT RIVER HIGH.

Rain Sunday Causes Water to Overflow Part of Island Park.

The rain yesterday has raised the Connecticut river nearly as high as it has been at any time this winter and spring. This morning at daylight water had overflowed a part of Island park and at 10 o'clock it was rising slowly. There are no flashboards on the dam and the flood gates were not opened this morning. At Bellows Falls between 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon and 8 o'clock this morning the water had risen about eight and one-half inches and was slowly rising. It was expected at the Vernon power plant that the water would rise a little more before showing a fall.

KILLED BY SOUVENIR SHELL.

John Busch Was Examining Loaded Missile From Battleship Maine.

WAKEFIELD, Mass., April 24.—The explosion yesterday of a shell said to have come from the batteries of the battleship Maine, which was blown up in Havana harbor, killed John J. Busch and caused probably fatal injuries to his young son, John, jr. Mr. Busch had returned recently from Cuba and had brought home the shell as a souvenir. He was picking at it with a steel instrument when it exploded.

Some hair is permanently gray and some is prematurely dyed.

INSANITY IS DEFENSE PLEA

Murder Trial of Mrs. Ida Sniffen Rogers Begun Today in New York

POISONED HER TWO CHILDREN

Was Living with L. E. Rogers, Who Had Another Wife—Divorced and Married to His Former Mistress, He Now Defends Her in Court.

NEW YORK, April 24.—Temporary insanity is expected to be the defense plea of Mrs. Ida Sniffen Rogers in her trial begun today for the murder of her two children on Dec. 29, 1914.

The case is notable because of the public sympathy which has been expressed for Mrs. Rogers since she poisoned her children. Prior to the murder Mrs. Rogers, who was then known as Mrs. Ida Sniffen Rogers, lived as the wife of Loris Elton Rogers, a lawyer, the father of her two children, but to whom she was not married.

Rogers had married Miss Caroline Giddings, the sister of a professor at Columbia university, and was then living with her, but divided his time between her home and an apartment where the accused woman lived with her children.

Despairing of ever being married to Rogers, Mrs. Walters admitted that she administered the poison to her two-year-old boy, John, and to Loris, a girl of eight months, and to herself. The children died, but Mrs. Walters recovered to repent her act.

After her arrest Rogers admitted his double life and publicly came to the support of the woman who had suffered by it.

Mrs. Caroline Giddings Rogers obtained a divorce from Rogers, and he, in July last, married Mrs. Walters, who was at liberty under bail. A third child has been born to them. Rogers appeared as chief counsel for his wife.

FACTIONS IN BATTLE.

One Man Fatally and Another Seriously Wounded in Pittsfield.

PITTSFIELD, Mass., April 24.—One man was fatally and another seriously wounded in a pitched revolver battle in a lot off Hillcrest avenue in the Tillotson section of this city about 6.35 o'clock last night. The man who will die is Joseph Teti, about 40, of Hillcrest avenue, and the other is Antonio Mele, 22, of Jordan avenue. Mele ran over a mile to his home after the fight. He was seen going through the woods by a woman and at that time held a blood-covered handkerchief to his head. Both wounded men are at the House of Mercy hospital in Pittsfield, where they were attended by Dr. B. W. Paddock, J. B. Thomas, S. C. Burton and Tate.

Trouble seems to have started two weeks ago, when Antonio Mele's brother, Pasquale, who is held as a material witness, married Teti's daughter. There has been bad blood between the factions ever since, it is said. Several years ago the Teti and Mele factions frequently indulged in skirmishes on Jordan avenue and Teti has borne scars of several bullet wounds as the result.

\$5,000,000 MILK CO. PLANNED.

Chicago Cooperative Company Proposed to Aid Consumer.

CHICAGO, April 24.—Plans for a \$5,000,000 cooperative corporation composed jointly of producers and dealers to distribute milk in Chicago at a \$12,000 daily saving to the consumer is the answer to the announcement that Borden's Condensed Milk company will increase the price of a quart of milk from 8 to 9 cents.

Ira J. Mix, president of the Ira J. Mix Dairy company, is the originator of the cooperative idea and he has outlined the plan to R. B. Swift of Libertyville, president of the Milk Producers association, for consideration by the farmers.

McCOMBS ON THE OUTSIDE.

Will Not Be Able to Conduct President's Campaign Next Fall.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—William F. McCombs, chairman of the Democratic national committee, today notified President Wilson that he will be unable to continue in his present position after the Democratic national convention in St. Louis, and will be unable to direct Mr. Wilson's campaign for reelection.

Replying to Mr. McCombs's letter the President expressed regret. Fred B. Lynch, national committeeman from Minnesota, is expected to succeed Mr. McCombs and conduct the campaign.

THE WEATHER.

Overcast Tonight and Tuesday—Fresh Northeast Winds.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—The weather forecast: Overcast tonight and Tuesday. Probably rain tonight on Maine coast. Fresh northeast winds.